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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Honorable Caspar Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

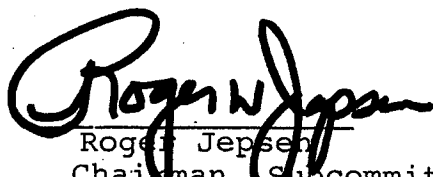
We are writing with respect to the request by the Director of Central Intelligence that the appropriate steps be taken so a senior flag or general officer can serve as either the Director or Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff. This request is strongly supported by the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Last fall, the Department of Defense nominated Rear Admiral Edward A. Burkhalter, Jr., to serve as Director of the Intelligence Community Staff. The version of the Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1982 reported by our Committee to the Senate contained a provision that ensured that the Navy could fill this billet with an officer in the grade of Vice Admiral. Unfortunately, this bill did not pass during the last part of the session.

It is clearly the intent of our committee that the Navy be provided with the necessary authorizations to meet this requirement. In our opinion, it is unfair to Admiral Burkhalter and the Intelligence Community to allow the current situation to continue.

We urge you, therefore, to carefully review this matter and take the appropriate action, as intended in our report, to permit Admiral Burkhalter to serve in the grade of Vice Admiral.

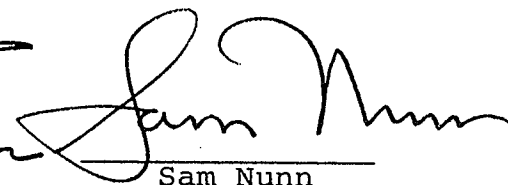
Sincerely,



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